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**Box Non-Fee Amendment**

Re: U.S. Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/321,882; filed May 28, 1999  
For: **Neuroactive Steroids of the Androstane and Pregnane Series**  
Inventors: Upasani *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1483.0130002/JMC/BEC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. Return postcard.

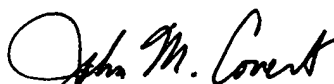
It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 21, 2000 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 11), Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

#### ***Amendments***

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 35-43, 47-53, 56 and 60.